

By: Heath

H.S.R. No. 34

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives was honored and privileged to have a most distinguished guest visit its chamber on January 29, 1969, the Honorable Preston Smith, Governor of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, With the convening of the 61st Legislature in Regular Session, the House of Representatives and the Senate of Texas begin their deliberations under new leadership; and

WHEREAS, For the past six years, the Honorable Preston Smith has been at the helm in the Senate, and his impartial decisions and considered judgment have gained the respect of members of both the Senate and the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, As Lieutenant Governor, Preston Smith acted from a foundation of many years of experience in both houses: he was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1944, and served in this chamber as a member of the 49th, 50th and 51st Legislatures; in 1956, he was elected a member of the Texas Senate, where he filled important committee posts and was the sponsor of major progressive legislation in the 55th, 56th and 57th Legislatures; his election to the second highest office in the State of Texas, the office of Lieutenant Governor, occurred in 1962, and the Texas electorate showed its confidence in this friendly, astute, and personable West Texan by returning him to that office at elections in 1964 and, again, in 1966; and

WHEREAS, The tenacity and will to achieve, which served him so well as he worked his way through Texas Tech during the Dust Bowl-Depression era, have continued to be prime assets in furthering his political ambitions, ambitions which, he admits today, always led to the Governor's chair; and

WHEREAS, Were it not for the leadership that he will now be able to give to the entire state as its highest executive officer, Governor of Texas, the loss of Preston Smith from the legislative branch of government would certainly be viewed as a real calamity; and

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the 61st Legislature wishes to show its gratitude to Governor Preston Smith for his service in the Texas Legislature and his leadership of the Senate; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Texas by this Resolution express appreciation to Governor Preston Smith for the wise and considerate direction, the warm friendship, and the dedication to responsibility which have characterized his entire 18 years of service in Texas legislative halls; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Governor Preston Smith, as a special mark of our high regard for him, be and he is hereby invited to continue to visit the House of Representatives at his pleasure, where he can be assured of an always hearty welcome and full privileges of the floor.

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HOUSE SIMPLE RESOLUTION

congratulating The Honorable
Preston Smith, Governor of the
State of Texas.

DATE ~~JAN 30 1969~~

READ AND ADOPTED

Dorothy Hallman
CHIEF CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JAN 30 1969 SENT TO ENROLLING CLERK.